

ESGP APPLICATION
DIVISION OF COMMUNITY SERVICES (DCS)
SFN 58290 (03/06)

REQUEST FOR APPLICATIONS
EMERGENCY SHELTER GRANTS PROGRAM

PROGRAM: The purpose of the Emergency Shelter Grants Program (ESGP) is to provide for the rehabilitation or conversion of buildings for use as emergency shelters for the homeless and for the payment of related Operational, Essential Services expenses, and Homeless Prevention Activities.

SOLICITATION: This request is to solicit formal grant applications from eligible nonprofit organizations, as direct recipients, or units of local government for eligible program activities to provide assistance to the homeless.

Local units of government may apply for programs they wish to initiate or on behalf of local eligible nonprofit organizations.

APPLICATION SUBMISSION: Applications for assistance must be **received** no later than 5:00 p.m., CST, May 1, 2006. **An original and one copy** of the application must be submitted to:

ND Department of Commerce
Division of Community Services
1600 East Century Avenue, Suite 2
PO Box 2057
Bismarck, ND 58502-2057
Contact Person: Tran Doan
Telephone: (701) 328-5300

FUNDS AVAILABLE: North Dakota will have \$279,194 available for the FY 2006 Emergency Shelter Grants Program.

FUNDING LEVEL: The maximum amount that may be made available to any one facility or agency providing assistance to the homeless will be \$25,000. The program has a 20 percent cap on funds for essential services, and a 30 percent cap on homeless prevention activities.

PROGRAM OVERVIEW: Funds for the ESGP are made available through the Stewart B. McKinney Homeless Assistance Act. Funds are appropriated through the Department of Housing and Urban Development. ESGP funds will be awarded to units of local government or eligible nonprofit organizations to undertake eligible activities to assist the homeless.

Each recipient of funds under this program must meet the following requirements: 1) ensure that any building rehabilitated or converted with grant funds continues to be used as a homeless shelter for a specified period; 2) ensure that any rehabilitation is sufficient to make the shelter safe and sanitary; 3) assist homeless individuals in obtaining appropriate supportive services; 4) ensure the confidentiality of victims of family violence; 5) involve to the maximum extent practicable homeless individuals and families in constructing, renovating, maintaining, operating, and in providing services for occupants of facilities assisted; and 6) requires that termination of assistance to an individual or family be in accordance with a formal process.